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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OCLR, TGEN, TPHY, TBIO, AR, CI

SUBJECT: R/V HERO CLEARANCE REQUEST 28 MARCH - 6 APRIL  
1976

1. R/V HERO, A PUBLIC VESSEL FUNDED AND OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, PLANS TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH IN CHILEAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO DETERMINE EFFECT OF THE OIL SPILL CAUSED BY THE TANKER METULA ON THE ORGANISMS AND SEDIMENTS IN THE BAHIA FELIPE AREA. THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IS SPONSORING THE RESEARCH AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CONCEPCION IS COOPERATING.

2. SAMPLES OF SEDIMENTS AND ORGANISMS WILL BE COLLECTED AND ANALYZED FOR CHEMICAL RESIDUES. EQUIPMENT UTILIZED WILL INCLUDE DREDGES AND GRAB SAMPLERS, TRAPS, ZODIAC BOATS, AND AN UNDERWATER TELEVISION CAMERA.

3. SHIP'S MASTER IS NORMAN DENISTON WITH A CREW OF 12.

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PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST IS DR. R. SWARTZ OF EPA AND DR. V.

GALLARDO OF UNIVERSITY OF CONCEPCION WILL BE PARTICIPATING. TWO BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILEAN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH GOC. HERO IS 300 GROSS TONS, 125 FT. LONG WITH A DRAFT OF 16 FEET.

RADIO CALL SIGN IS KC4AAB-MM AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ CONTINUOUSLY.

4. ACTION: SANTIAGO - REQUEST EMBASSY TO PROCESS CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR R/V HERO TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH IN GOC TERRITORIAL WATERS AND CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING PERIOD 28 MARCH - 6 APRIL 1976. CRUISE TRACK WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM.

BUENOS AIRES - REQUEST EMBASSY TO REQUEST PORT CALL AT USHUAIA FOR HERO ON 8 APRIL 1976. INGERSOLL

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